GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:245
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FAKE BT. COTTON SEEDS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether fake Bt. cotton seeds have been sold in many States during the last two years and in the current year also;

(b) if so, the details thereof and its impact on the cotton crops during the above period;

(c) the number of persons against whom action has been taken in this regard;

(d) whether the Government has taken a decision to include cotton seeds in the list of essential commodities to contain the prices of Bt. cotton seeds; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 245 DUE FOR REPLY ON 3RD DECEMBER, 2007

(a): Some cases of sale of fake Bt. Cotton seeds have been reported in the States of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Punjab.

(b): No significant impact on production of cotton due to fake Cotton seeds has been reported by these States.

(c): 15,979 packets of fake Bt. Cotton Seeds were seized and 80 cases were registered in different States for infringement of law.

(d) & (e): Proposal to re-notify cotton seeds as essential commodity under Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act, 2006 is under consideration of the Government.